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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER VISITS PERU

1. AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER GOUGH WHITLAM CONCLUDED
THREE-DAY VISIT TO PERU ON APRIL 27 DURING WHICH HE MET WITH
PRESIDENT VELASCO AND RANKING GOP OFFICIALS. PRESS TREATMENT
WAS WARM THROUGHOUT VISIT.

2. EMBOFF MET WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF APRIL 30 TO DISCUSS
VISIT. ACCORDING TO AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF, VISIT TO PERU WAS NOT
OFFICIAL; WHITLAM INVITED HIMSELF. AS REST STOP WAS NECESSARY,
PLAN WAS TO STOP IN EASTER ISLAND AND CHILE BEFORE GOING ON TO
KINGSTON MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AND WASHINGTON. THIS FELL THROUGH
AND, IN VIEW OF
WHITLAM'S INTEREST IN THINGS ARCHEOLOGICAL, STOP IN PERU WAS
ARRANGED SO HE COULD SEE CUZCO AND MACHU PICCHU. HE WAS NOT
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OFFICIAL VISITOR AND GOA PAID ALL EXPENSES. MAIN PURPOSE OF

TRIP, THEREFORE, WAS TOURISTIC.

3. AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS THAT AUSTRALIA WILL JOIN ASSOCIATION OF IRON ORE EXPORTERS AS OBSERVER AND WILL JOIN CIPEC (COPPER PRODUCERS' CARTEL) AS FULL MEMBER. THIS ONLY NATURAL, HE SAID, SINCE AUSTRALIA IS LARGE PRODUCER OF THESE METALS AND IS INTERESTED IN ANYTHING THAT AFFECTS THEM. AUSTRALIA WILL JOIN NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES AS OBSERVER ONLY SINCE AUSTRALIA IS NOT, IN FACT, NON-ALIGNED; HOWEVER, DUE TO GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND IDEOLOGICAL STANCE OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT, GOA WILL INCREASE ITS TIES TO NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

4. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT END OF VISIT WAS NOT JOINT COMMUNIQUE, AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF NOTED. DRAFT WAS AGREED UPON BEFORE WHITLAM WENT TO MACHU PICCHU BUT, WHILE HE WAS IN CUZCO, GOP MADE SOME CHANGES, ADDING ANTI-APARTHEID, ANTI-NEOCOLONIALISM AND PRO-VELASCO DOCTRINE STATEMENTS. UPON RETURN TO LIMA, WHITLAM, RATHER THAN RISK RUFFLING FEATHERS OF THE GENERALS, DECIDED TO SIGN IT AND BE ON HIS WAY.

5. COMMUNIQUE ALSO ESTABLISHED JOINT COMMISSION TO STUDY BILATERAL ISSUES. EMBOFF SAID THAT THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO NO MORE THAN TWO OR THREE AUSTRALIANS VISITING PERU, WITH PERHAPS ONE MINISTER IN GROUP, ONCE A YEAR AND VICE VERSA. ONLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD BE IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOP PURCHASES OF OTHER COMMODITIES, I.E. LIVESTOCK OR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY. (AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR ALSO CONFIRMED TO DCM THAT DESPITE GOP REQUEST THE GOA HAD NOT COMMITTED ITSELF TO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.) COMMUNIQUE ALSO DECLARED THAT URGENT WORLD ACCORD TO END ALL FORMS OF NUCLEAR TESTING IS NECESSARY STEP TOWARD COMPLETE AND GENERAL DISARMAMENT UNDER EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL.
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